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SUMMARY: (U) SEE EXECUTIVE SUMMARY, TEXT PARAGRAPH 1, BELOW.

TEXT: 1. (U//~~FOUO~~) EXECUTIVE SUMMARY. THIS IS A STONY BEACH REPORT. ELEMENTS OF THE 28TH AND 66TH REGIMENTS OPERATE IN KONTUM PROVINCE, VIETNAM IN MAY 1969. AREAS OF OPERATION ARE NEAR THE LOSS LOCATION ASSOCIATED WITH REFNO 1449.

2. (U//~~FOUO~~) (FIELD COMMENT -- FOLLOWING ARE TRANSLATIONS OF EXCERPTS IN SOURCE BOOK. TRANSLATIONS BEGIN.) FOLLOWING ORDERS OF THE FRONT COMMAND, ON 19 MAY, THE 3RD BATTALION, 28TH REGIMENT MOVED TO THE SOUTHERN FOOT OF NGOC DO LANG //UTMCOORD: 48PYB915146// TO SERVE AS A RESERVE FORCE FOR THE 66TH REGIMENT CONDUCTING ATTACKS ON TWO RANGER BATTALIONS AT DAC RO DE HAY //UTMCOORD: 48PYB889110//. (FIELD COMMENT -- THE ABOVE AREAS ARE IN KONTUM PROVINCE, VIETNAM.)

3. (U//~~FOUO~~) AFTER THE BATTLE ON 18 MAY AND THE ATTACK ON 21 MAY BY THE 66TH REGIMENT, THE 22ND AND 23RD REPUBLIC OF VIETNAM (RVN) RANGER BATTALIONS WERE HEAVILY DAMAGED AND CONSTANTLY MOVING TO NEW POSITIONS. (FIELD COMMENT -- 1969) ON 25 MAY, THE 22ND BATTALION WAS PULLED OUT OF THE AREA, AND THE 11TH RANGER BATTALION WAS INSERTED ONTO HIGHPOINT 882 //UTMCOORD: 48P914144// OF THE NGOC DO LANG RANGE. AT 1600 ON THE SAME DAY, THE 11TH COMPANY, 3RD BATTALION, 28TH REGIMENT ATTACKED A COMPANY OF THE 11TH RANGER BATTALION SOUTH OF HIGHPOINT 882, KILLING 50 ENEMY SOLDIERS, INCLUDING LE VAN ((NGO)), COMPANY COMMANDER. THE NEXT DAY (26 MAY), THE 11TH COMPANY BROKE UP COUNTERATTACKS BY THE 11TH BATTALION, KILLING 72, THEN SURROUNDED THE ENEMY ON HIGHPOINT 882. ON 29 AND 30 MAY, THE 11TH RANGER BATTALION FLED TO HIGHPOINTS 785 (CNA) AND 724 (CNA), ENTERING THE AREA OF OPERATIONS OF THE 10TH COMPANY, 3RD

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BATTALION, 28TH REGIMENT, AND ANOTHER ENEMY COMPANY WAS PUT OUT OF ACTION. ON 31 MAY, THE REMAINING FORCES OF THE 11TH RANGER BATTALION FLED TO THE NORTHERN PART OF NGOC DO LANG TO MEET UP WITH THE REMAINING FORCES OF THE 23RD BATTALION, BUT WERE INTERCEPTED BY THE 7TH BATTALION, 66TH REGIMENT. BOTH RANGER COMMAND POSTS WERE DESTROYED. (FIELD COMMENT -- TRANSLATIONS END.)

4. (U//~~FOUO~~) (FIELD COMMENT -- THE FOLLOWING COMMAND PERSONNEL ARE IDENTIFIED.)

- HOANG ((NHIEEN)) (NHIEEN) -- REGIMENT COMMANDER; 1969-1970
- NGUYEN XUAN ((HEEJ)) (HEEJ) -- REGIMENT POLITICAL OFFICER; OCT 1968-1970

COMMENTS: (FIELD) 1. (U//~~FOUO~~) ANY FUTURE DEBRIEF OF THE PERSONNEL NAMED OR MEMBER OF UNITS IDENTIFIED IN THIS REPORT WILL PROBABLY HAVE TO BE COORDINATED WITH AND ATTENDED BY REPRESENTATIVES OF THE VIETNAMESE OFFICE FOR SEEKING MISSING PERSONS (VNOSMP). ABILITY TO CONTACT POTENTIAL SOURCES IS UNKNOWN.

2. (U//~~FOUO~~) THE OBJECTIVE OF THIS REPORT IS TO IDENTIFY UNITS OR PERSONNEL WHO MAY HAVE BEEN IN THE SAME GENERAL AREA AND AT THE SAME GENERAL TIME AS THE INCIDENT ASSOCIATED WITH CASE 1449.

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3. (U) REPORTED INFORMATION WAS TRANSLATED FROM VIETNAMESE.

4. (U//~~FOUO~~) THE UTMCOORDS IN THIS REPORT WERE ESTIMATED USING THE 1:50,000-SCALE MAP IN THE FALCONVIEW PROGRAM, VERSION 3.3.

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